(b) if so, what are its recommendations: and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative by when it js likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Committee is at the final stages of its work and the report is expected to be submitted shortly.

**Deaths due to Maningitis in each State**

114. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: WiH the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased t0 state:

(a)' the number of deaths due to meningitis in each State from January, 1985 till March, 1986;

(b) whether some medicines have been imported by Government for the treatment of the patients suffering from from the disease; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT *OF* FAMILY WELFARE (SHRl S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) According to the reports received from State|UT Governments, the number of deaths due to Meningitis state-wise from January, 1985 to March, 1986 is given in the enclosed statement *(See below).*

(b) and (c) Adequate stock of required medicines in availabe indigenously in the country. However import of meningococcal vaccine is being freely allowed.

**Statement**

*The number of deaths reported by State/U. T., Govt. from January, 1985 to March, 1986*

| Sl. No. | Name of State/U.T. | Number of Deaths (Figures prov.) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | N.R. |
| 2. | Assam | 8 |
| 3. | Bihar | 13 |
| 4. | Gujarat | 88 |
| 5. | Himachal Pradesh | N.R. |
| 6. | Haryana | 5 |
| 7. | Jammu and Kashmir | 1 |
| 8. | Karnataka | N.R. |
| 9. | Kerala | 14 |
| 10. | Madhya Pradesh | 2 |
| 11. | Maharashtra | 367 |
| 12. | Manipur | N.R. |
| 13. | Meghalaya | N.R. |
| 14. | Nagaland | N.R. |
| 15. | Orissa | 4 |
| 16. | Punjab | 9 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 17. | Rajasthan | 93 |
| 18. | Sikkim | 9 |
| 19. | Tamil Nadu | 2 |
| 20. | Tripura | 4 |
| 21. | Uttar Pradesh | 104 |
| 22. | West Bengal | 139 |
| | *Union Territories* | |
| 1. | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | N.R. |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | N.R. |
| 3. | Chandigarh | N.R. |
| 4. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | N.R. |
| 5. | Delhi | 849 |
| 6. | Goa | N.R. |
| 7. | Lakshadweep | N.R. |
| 8. | Mizoram | N.R. |
| 9. | Pondicherry | N.R. |

N.R.: Not received.

**Division of tbe National Highway**

115. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will ihe Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to divide the national highways ali over ihe country into 320 sectors ior the purpose of intensive and round-the-clock patrolling by armed police;

(b) if so, what are the details in this rega.rd; and

(c> what d:her measures Government propose to take to improve the condition of the national highways during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Scheme of Highways Patrolling proposes to cover selected sectors of national highways, by way of setting up Traffic-Aid-Post (TAPs) at distances of approximately 50/60 Kms, where personnel at such TAPs would be responsible for patrolling round-the-clock. Also in the event of any road-accident, to flash the news? of the mishap to the control room, render medicai assistance to the victims, taking them to the nearest medical centre, removal of the vehicle involved in the accident, from the road and ensure free flow of traffic etc.

(c) For development of National Highways in the country, there is an allocation of Rs. 266.00 crores in the current year. Priority of the works State-wise has been identified and the execution is being taken up. Besides, this, there is a provision of Rs. 100 crores for maintenance of National Highways and every effort is made to keep them traffic worthy.

**Survey for an alternative broadgauge railway line between Guwahati *a*ad Dibrugarh**

116. SHRIMATl BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for construction of an al-